

November 15, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CARGO CATS THEFT TASK FORCE FUNDING

On October 1, 2002 on motion of Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller to re-appropriate \$200,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses Account to an earmarked escrow account for partial year funding associated with continuing a minimum staffing level for the Sheriff's Department CargoCats Task Force during Fiscal Year 2002-03. Further, that this funding not be transferred to the Sheriff's Department until such time as sufficient outside resources have been secured to offset the full cost for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

Your Board further instructed the CAO to work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department to seek State and/or Federal revenue in the form of Homeland Security Grants or other available revenue in order to continue the CargoCats Task Force beyond fiscal year 2002-03.

The final adopted budget approved on October 1, 2002, included an allocation of \$200,000 specifically earmarked in the Provisional Financing Uses budget to provide the County's share of matching funds to ensure the CargoCats program continues through the end of the fiscal year.

With respect to identifying outside resources, the Sheriff's Department is currently working with the Los Angeles and Long Beach Port Authorities to secure adequate funding necessary to sustain this program in 2002-03. The Long Beach Port Authority has convened and committed funding for this effort. We are awaiting action by the Port

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of Los Angeles on this request and appropriate written documentation from the Port of Long Beach to verify the funds that they have committed. Once verified, we will return to your Board with a Budget Adjustment appropriating the new revenue and transferring earmarked County funds into the Sheriff's budget.

We have yet to identify available State and/or Federal revenue or any other available funding to sustain the CargoCats Task Force beyond 2002-03. However, we will continue to work together to identify potential funding.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or your staff may call Brian Mahan, of this office at (213) 893-2297 or Commander Irene McReynolds of the Sheriff's Department at (323) 526-5169.

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